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For: COATING MATERIAL AND COATED POWDER

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 26, please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

A lemon flavor-containing, coated powdery product having an average particle size of 80 μm was produced in the same manner as in Example 1 except for using lemon flavor in place of menthol flavor and using paratinose in place of pullulan.

Additionally, formulations of the core substance and the coating material are shown in Table 4. The amount of used coating material was 0.50 part by weight per 1 part by weight of the core substance. The thus obtained lemon flavor-containing, coated powdered product was referred to as sample 6 of the invention and was subjected to accelerated test according to the following evaluation test. Results of the evaluation are shown in terms of number of panels for respective grades.